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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH PEREZ AND CONSALVI ON SSOD
SPEECH

1. WE ARE PROPOSING TO INCLUDE IN OUR SSOD SPEECH A
REFERENCE TO THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO AND ARMS
RESTRAINT IN LATIN AMERICA. IN DOING THIS, HOWEVER, WE
DO NOT WANT TO RISK IMPINGING ON A POSSIBLE THEME OF THE
VENEZUELAN SPEECH.

2. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH PEREZ AND/OR CONSALVI ABOUT
THIS, USING EITHER PARAPHRASE OR ACTUAL LANGUAGE FROM
OUR DRAFT SPEECH. IF THEY FEEL THIS COMPLEMENTS, OR AT
LEAST DOES NOT DETRACT FROM, THEIR OWN SPEECH, WE WILL
LEAVE IT AS IS. IF THEY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH IT, YOU HAVE
AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REWRITES THAT MIGHT MEET THEIR
CONCERNS. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO INSERT THAT VENEZUELA
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HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE SOME SPECIFIC IDEAS ON
REGIONAL RESTRAINT AND THAT WE WILL BE LISTENING WITH
GREAT INTEREST TO THEIR SPEECH--WHICH FOLLOWS OURS DIRECTLY.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RELEVANT PASSAGE FROM OUR SSOD
SPEECH:

BEGIN TEXT: REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL IS STILL AT A VERY PRIMITIVE STAGE. THERE ARE FEW NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY. ONLY A FEW NATIONS HAVE THE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE REQUIRED TO VERIFY AGREEMENTS -- AND WITHOUT VERIFICATION ARMS CONTROL MEASURES CANNOT BE SUSTAINED. MANY OF THE TECHNIQUES, LIKE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES WHICH INCREASE PREDICTABILITY AND LESSEN THE FEAR OF SUDDEN ATTACK ARE LARGELY UNTRIED.

ONCE AGAIN--AS IT DID IN PROHIBITING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITH TLATELOLCO--LATIN AMERICA HAS SHOWN US THE WAY. IN 1974, EIGHT NATIONS OF THE REGION SIGNED THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION EXPRESSING INTEREST IN RESTRAINING CONVENTIONAL ARMS. WE WOULD SUPPORT FURTHER WORK ON THIS EFFORT AND ANY SIMILAR EFFORTS IN OTHER REGIONS.

(PARA. ON MBFR, INDIAN OCEAN)

BEYOND OUR OWN NEGOTIATIONS, THE US WOULD LIKE TO STIMULATE REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS BY OFFERING OTHER ASSISTANCE WITH VERIFICATION AND STABILIZING MEASURES. END TEXT

4. THIS CONSULTATION WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY, IF IT IS TO HAVE AFFECT BECAUSE SPEECH IS DUE TO MONDALE ON SUNDAY.

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5. FYI: THE PORTION OF OUR SPEECH DEVOTED TO REGIONAL RESTRAINT IS MAJOR AND OFFERS A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS AND IDEAS. IN ADDITION TO VERIFICATION AND STABILIZATION MEASURES, WE WILL BE MAKING OFFERS TO REALLOCATE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AS RESTRAINT DEVELOPS; TO SUPPORT DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES; AND TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT TO REGIONALLY INITIATED EFFORTS. END FYI. VANCE

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